

THE LORD'S DAY

# Worship

January 15, 2023



**NORTH MACON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Important Reminders:

Turn off all cellular devices during the worship service.  
Do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.

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*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"  
Isaiah 52:7*

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## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

## Introit

## Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3, 9

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble.

**People:** He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**Pastor:** Great is the LORD in Zion! He is exalted over all the nations!

**People:** Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy.

**Pastor:** Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

## \*Praise Hymn

*#2 - O Worship the King*  
vs. 1 & 2 (all), vs. 3 (men), vs. 4 (women), vs. 5 & 6 (all)

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

Q. Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own,  
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.

*The Heidelberg Catechism was composed in Heidelberg, Germany in 1563.*

*It has been translated into many European, Asian, and African languages  
and is the most widely used and most warmly praised catechism of the Reformation period.*

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Psalm 23 paraphrase by Isaac Watts



My Shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name;  
*When I walk through the shades of death, Your pre-sence is my stay;*  
 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh He makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.  
*One word of Your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.*  
 O may Your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake His ways;  
*Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;*  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come;



And leads me, for His mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
*My cup with bless - ings o - ver flows, Your oil a - noints my head.*  
 No more a stran - ger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

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## Call to Prayer

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. David Todd

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offertory

## Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

# Only a Holy God

Farren, Robinson, Smith, and Thompson



1. Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. *What oth - er beau - ty de - mand such prais - es?*
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
4. *Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?*



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?  
*What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?*  
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
*Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?*



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles? On - ly a Ho - ly God. *(to v. 2)*  
*What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.*  
 What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed? On - ly a Ho - ly God.  
*Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther? \*On - ly my Ho - ly God.\**



Come and be - hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing



ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly God.

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Sermon

*Comfort for God's People*  
Isaiah 40:1-11

Rev. Hunter Stevenson

\*Hymn of Response

#32 - *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, both now and forevermore. Amen.

\*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

Visitors: Welcome! Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or elders after the service. They would be glad to answer any questions you may have and would enjoy meeting you. *If you desire to receive email communications from the church, please email Monni Parrish at [monni@nmmpc.net](mailto:monni@nmmpc.net) and she will add you to the distribution list.*

# • The Preached Word •

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**Title:** *Comfort for God's People*

**Text:** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Pastor:** Rev. Hunter Stevenson

pg. 586 in the pew Bible



**Pray for Our Members:**

Joseph Egloff & Rana Munna  
Rhett, Joyce, Matthew & Sara Rhett Farmer  
Mark, Alleli & Mark Paul Ferland  
Caroline Fleming

**Pray for Our Missionary of the Month:**

Rich & Chrissy Greete have a counseling ministry to Mission to the World missionaries here in the States and on mission fields all over the world.

**Pray for Those in Need:**

Expecting: Kaleigh Frecl (2/25) & Melissa Newell (4/8)

Newborns: Ben McKenzie, Forrest Dozier, Benjamin Hornick, and Charlie & Lillie Wohlrabe

Members Caring for Loved Ones: Becky Gorman (Randy); Howard Gordon (mom); Monni Parrish (dad); Joseph Egloff (mom); Rana Munna (mom); Glenda Eaves (mom)

Recovering/Sick: Jerry Hogg (cancer); Patricia Hughes (jaw); John LaPish (leg)

Bereaved: Susana, Sarah Jane & Oscar Sandefur (Chris); Beth McSween (John); John & Joyce Meadows (son); Edith Adams (mother); Joe Stanley (Kathy); LeeAnn Wildman (mom); Boo McKelvey (mom & dad); Tricia Barton (mom); Cathy Smith (JC)

Our Leaders: the Session, Diaconate, and Staff; our local, state and federal governmental officials.

# • Discipleship Opportunities •

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## Winter Sunday School Schedule

- 2-3 Year Old: *God's Son* taught by Seth & Amy Peed in Room 112  
4k- 5k: *Living in God's Family* taught by Anna Barnes in Room 114  
1st-2nd: *Knowing Jesus* taught by Steven & Jill Bloodworth, Hays & Andrea Fyke and Patrick & Andrea Goff in Room 121  
3rd-5th: *God's Design for Worship* taught by Myra Baker & Tricia Barton in Room 122  
6th-12th: *Mark* taught by Mark Ballard & Anna Smith in the Youth Room  
20s & 30s: *Ecclesiastes* taught by Charles Hall, Matt McCommon & Hunter Stevenson in the Fellowship Hall  
30s & 40s: *In the Lord, I Take Refuge* taught by Cal Garretson and Steven Bloodworth in MC #2  
50s & 60s: *James* taught by Ed Grimsley, Neal Ham, Howard Reed and Dan Strawn in MC #1  
60s & up: *Philippians* taught by Tommy James & Rob Morton in the Conference

## Wednesday Night Activities

Dinner begins at 5:45 PM (\$5.00/adult/teen, \$2.00/child, family max \$15.00).

At 6:30 PM classes are offered for all ages:

Nursery (0-3 year old)

Children's Classes (K4 - 6th grade)

Youth Group (7th - 12th grade)

Women's Bible Study (Heather Stevenson)...**begins Feb 1**

Adult Bible Study on **Psalm 121** (Hunter Stevenson)

*January 18 menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Salad Bar & Brownies*

# • Financial Update •

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as of December 31, 2022

General Operations		Faith Promise for Missions	
2022 Receipts:	\$ 1,400,007	Collected in 2022:	\$ 110,318
2022 Expenses:	\$ 1,406,752	Support paid out:	
		\$ 64,300	(20 missionaries)
		\$ 12,000	(gifts to missionaries)
		\$ 10,000	(Sacred Road Staff Fund)
		\$ 41,300	(Ukraine Relief)
		Cash available for distribution:	\$ 21,518
<b>Building Loan Balance</b>			
December 31:	\$ 28,000		

# • Announcements •

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**Monday Morning Prayer** - We will gather at 9:00 AM tomorrow for Monday Morning Prayer. Please let Pastor Hunter ([hunter@nmipc.net](mailto:hunter@nmipc.net)) know if you have a prayer request.

**North Macon Preschool** - Registration will open on Jan 25 for NMPC members and current preschool families and can be found at [www.nmipc.net](http://www.nmipc.net) under the Preschool tab. For more information or to schedule a tour, email Riley Wilson ([riley@nmipc.net](mailto:riley@nmipc.net)).

**Women's Retreat 2023** - The 2023 Women's Retreat will be held on January 27 - 29 at Callaway Gardens. The theme of the retreat is "Growing in Grace." Please register on REALM or give your registration form to Andrea Goff or Megan Cathey by today.

**Marriage Conference 2023** - We are delighted to welcome back Dr. John Cox for another Marriage Conference on March 3-4. Please mark your calendars!

**Flowers** - The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of my wonderful grandmother Margaret Killen Adams (Mother Marg) by her granddaughter Margaret Adams Baxter (Meg).



# NORTH MACON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Mission

To glorify and enjoy God, love and equip His people for the work of His ministry, and make disciples of all nations.

	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Session	Ed Grimsley* Paul McCommon Rob Morton Howard Reed	Neal Ham*	Jason Churchwell* Cal Garretson Tommy James* Charlie Parrish

	Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Diaconate	Lee Burch* Silas Peed*		Joshua Buckner Rick Funk Hays Fyke*

\*indicates the officer is at the end of a 2nd term and will roll off

Staff	Every Member, <i>Ministers</i>	Kathy Pye, <i>Church Secretary</i>
	Hunter Stevenson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Monni Parrish, <i>Administrator, Financial Director &amp; Pianist</i>
	Mark Ballard, <i>Youth Director</i>	Melanie Buckner, <i>Music Director</i>
	Anna Smith, <i>Youth Assistant</i>	Riley Wilson, <i>North Macon Preschool Director</i>
	Megan Cathey, <i>Interim Children's Ministry Director</i>	

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